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Office of Health Policy
c/o Diona Mullins, Policy Advisor
Cabinet for Health & Family Services
275 E. Main Street, 4W-E
Frankfort, KY 40621

Dear Ms. Mullins,

Spring View Hospital located in Lebanon, Kentucky supports the Kentucky Hospital Association's certificate of need (CON) position expressed in the Certificate of Need: Stabilization Force for Health Care Transformation, report which was a response to the special memorandum on "Certificate of Need Modernization: Core Principles Request for Stakeholders Input". Kentucky's CON law provides a consistent and reliable business environment in a constantly evolving industry that differs from traditional business models. The CON law provides operating rules all providers must abide by. Kentucky's CON law has created an efficient and collaborative provider community that produces quality health outcomes across the state for Kentuckians.

As stated in the KHA response, CON is not the mechanism to advance Kentucky's health care community. However, it is the mechanism to create strategic growth for the provider community. Growth for the sake of growth in an evolving industry, which is pressured by external factors to continuously seek innovative methods to improve quality results and reduce cost, would be harmful. Kentucky's CON law allows for growth, expansion and innovation while preventing selective health care from being practiced. KHA's report is correct in stating, all Kentucky health care providers are meant to deliver quality health care, regardless of a Kentuckian's insurance status.

Our hospital is a proud member of the Kentucky hospital community and we endorse KHA's response and position that Kentucky's CON law requires no altering to advance the commonwealth's health care system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Trottier', is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy R. Trottier
Chief Executive Officer